Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 21 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 22 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 20 Jan 2022 at 11:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for southwesterly airflow through the period bringing mostly cloudy and mild conditions. There is uncertainty in the extent of cloud breaks and also for rainfall from Sunday.

Headline for Friday 21 Jan 2022: Some morning brightness in the east, otherwise overcast, dull and increasingly drizzly.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 21 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG		
Partly cloudy (night)	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Drizzle	Drizzle
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	20%	20%	30%	40%	50%	50%

Forecast for Friday 21 Jan 2022

Weather: Low cloud will spread east across the western ranges through the early hours. The day will be dominated by extensive low cloud shrouding most areas, this bringing some patchy rain or drizzle at times too. Areas east of Loch Lomond may see bright or sunny spells initially before low cloud arrives. Drizzle likely becoming more persistent through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% in east through morning, otherwise virtually nil.

Visibility: Cloud will be extensive above 300-400m across most areas leading visibility to be severely reduced away from glen level and navigation will naturally be tricky. Cloud may be slow to spread across Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, these areas seeing the best conditions through morning. Lower slopes turning hazy in drizzle too.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/24 SW	20/24 W	17/21 W	16/20 W	19/25 SW	23/30 SW	24/31 SW	26/34 SW	27/37 SW
900	14/19 W	16/21 W	15/21 W	14/20 W	17/23 W	20/26 W	19/27 W	20/28 SW	20/29 SW
600	15/19 SW	16/21 SW	16/20 SW	16/20 SW	19/25 SW	21/28 SW	22/29 SW	22/30 SW	23/32 SW
300	7/9 SW	6/9 SW	6/9 SW	6/8 SW	8/12 SW	9/15 SW	10/16 SW	11/18 SW	12/21 SW
Glen	3/7 SW	3/8 SW	3/8 SW	3/8 W	7/16 SW	8/17 SW	8/16 SW	9/18 SW	10/21 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8
900	-1/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	0/-5	0/-5	0/-6	1/-6	1/-5	2/-4
600	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	3/-2	4/-2
300	3/1	4/1	4/2	4/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	5/2	6/2
Glen	4/3	5/4	5/4	5/4	7/5	7/5	7/4	7/5	7/4
Freezing Level*	800m	900m	900m	1000m	1000m	900m	1000m	1100m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A cloud inversion *may* develop, leaving ground above 1200m or so cloud free.

Forecast for Saturday 22 Jan 2022
Weather: Another day of poor visibility and spells of rain or drizzle, this more extensive than on Friday as winds back southwesterly, therefore removing the shelter afforded to the eastern ranges. Mild for the time of year.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 20-25mph gusting 35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: No chance.

Visibility: Cloud will remain extensive above 300-400m but may lower further at times across southwest facing slopes, this leading to widely poor visibility, often a kilometre or less. Rain and drizzle will turn lowest slopes hazy too.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around 9 Celsius throughout.
At 800m: Plus 2 or 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m or above.

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